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Teen Smoking and Marijuana Use

A 2003 study conducted by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University found that there is an astounding correlation between teens who smoke cigarettes and those who use marijuana.

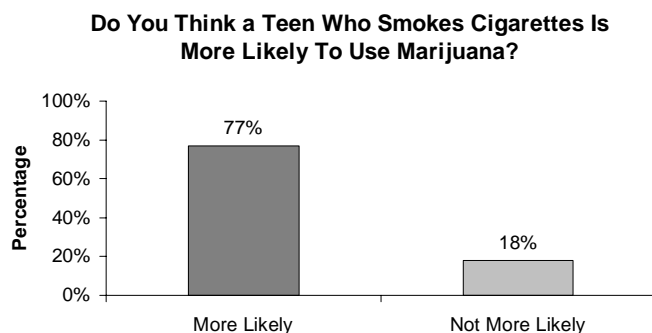
The study revealed that teens who smoke cigarettes:

- Are 14 times more likely to try marijuana.
- Are six times more likely to be able to buy marijuana in an hour or less.
- Are 18 times more likely to report that most of their friends smoke marijuana.

Among teens who are repeat marijuana users, 60 percent tried cigarettes first. These findings suggest that reducing teen smoking can be an effective way to reduce teen marijuana use.¹

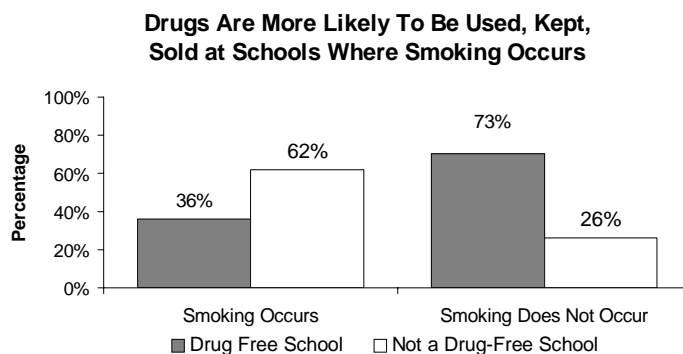
Teen Perceptions About Cigarette Smoking and Marijuana Use

Teens perceive a connection between cigarette smoking and marijuana use. When asked whether they think that a teen who smokes cigarettes is more likely to use marijuana, 77 percent said yes.²



Drugs Are More Likely To Be Used, Kept, Sold at Schools Where Smoking Occurs

In schools where smoking occurs, 36 percent are drug free (i.e., schools where drugs are not used, kept or sold) and 62 percent are not drug free. In schools where smoking cigarettes on school grounds is not tolerated, 73 percent are drug free and 26 percent are not.³



^{1, 2, 3} Report on Teen Cigarette Smoking and Marijuana Use, September 2003, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University (CASA).